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And ever we hear them, soft and low. Harping their music sweet, Songs that we loved in the long ago, Rippting their liquid ebb and flow, Drifting their cadence to and fro, Like the fall of fairy feet.

Some faces our hearts will ever hold, Some smiles we remember yet, There were flowing locks like the sunset's gold There were parted lips of Cupid's mould, And the songs they sang can ne'er grow old, For our hearts can ne'er forget.

The tunes of the voice that girlhood sung, The chords that we loved full weil When hopes were buoyant, hearts were Chara faire bells in it wer-core from And ever fell from a maiden's tongue, The words of watching spell.

Ah, we-la-day ! 'tis a story past, Which I may not tell a gain Twas a happiness too sweet to last; The heavy clods on her grave are east. And her voice is stilled, and above her falls, Falls ever the Summer rain !

Chased by Welves.

It was a race for life. Following hard upon the fleet skater were a troop of "wolves." welves as fleet. Charles Vance heard their breathing, the short impatient served, was clear and frosty, very bright sniffs, the regular patter of sharp feet and cold. Half his journey had been upon the ice, like click. The scene lay accomplished, when he heard a shrill, in Canada. The moon sailed through sharp cry echoing from the woods. drifting clouds, now partialy obscured, Then for a moment his blood curdled you try, Miss Rose; no one can sus then bursting forth in a flood of silvery in his veins. What were these cries? pect you of collusion." light. At one side was the dense pine Ah, what !- what but the wolves? forest broken by clumps of leafless oak Nearer came the cry and nearer, as or hickory, and winding in and out as if the dreadful animals scented him. it followed the course of the river, on He glided over the ice like lightning, the other, the wide, snow-covered plain. his strides quickened by the first click A mile yet before a house would be he heard from his pursuers. On, first reached, and in that time-

At twenty-eight there was so much ery perve and limb was strained to its point where fortune began to smile up- if he had to double- A horrible flash his leisure hours had been bright with was certain death. Why had be been glowing air castles, which all had Rose so heedless as to disregard sage Hugh's sake it was that he had undertaken wolf during his sojourn in these Cana-

flashed out; lolling searlet tongues that their track, and were some time in redainty morsel of flesh. A misstep, a out brightly. Every tree seemed outhalf-hidden hillock of ice to trip the lined against the sky with painful disquivered, or that he shrank from so that mocked him in their security.

-girls in their pretty skating cos- him? Oh, it she could but know! this Thursday evening. He did not ness, to all.

after to-day."

and haughty.

That makes a difference."

superb indifference.

Friday, and stay until Monday." Don't put yourself out, however."

ty fingers.

over the road, never once glancing back. was immediately arrested, and she Perverse Rose Ardley was privately watched the experiment with much peeping after him, rather enjoying than eagerness. not the semi-quarrel.

"I'll not go; she shall not get me questions?" asked Dr. Caltran. there on Thursday evening," he answered to himself in his annoyance. But Ardley broke it. ere Thursday evening came his resolve was broken, after the manner of for anything." And Miss Rose acquilovers, and he meant to go.

"I must skate up." he said. "The night's clear and frosty."

"Hope there'll be no wolves abroad, with a laugh. Master Vance," said the brawny Englishman, Hugh, one of his workmen and warm admires. "Stainsly shot one over by the bridge the other morning. You'd better take a pistol."

skates," answered Mr. Vance, laughingly, rather ridiculing the notion of

He started. The night, as he had ob-

as rapidly as possible in a straight line, Brave as he was, Vance shuddered. for not a second was to be lost. Evof life before him. He had reached a utmost tension. A mile, perhaps; and on him; and for the past six months of despair almost paralyzed him. That Ardley for their day-dream. For her warning? But he had never seen a dian wilds.

Faster! faster! This turn showed Faster! faster! Turns that frighto be hundreds. Rays of lurid light ers were by this means thrown off where?" thirsted for a draught of blood and a covering their speed. The moon shone unwary traveler, a moment lost, and he tinetness; here a gnarled old oak that would be in the power of these raven- had been riven with some fierce dolt; ous animals. No wonder his pulses there a clump of gleaming evergreens And now the river widened. Hardty More than once he had gone up and a week before he and Rose Ardley had flutter of nerve and brain she began. down the river for pleasure. More enjoyed a gay frolic of skating on this than once there had been a gay party very spot. Was she still vexed with tran, smiling cheerfully.

tumes, but sweetest of all was Rose, In imagination their red tongues her golden curls blown about by the seemed to touch him. One of them the doctor said); she moved uneasily, wind, her cheeks brilliant, her purple seemed to hurt himself in some way, vainly essayed to speak. He approacheves dilating with enjoyment. Bright for there came a sharp howl of pain. ed to tranquilize her. It was some and coquetish was she, fond of teasing The pursuit was stoped for an instant time before any coherent answer could hausted, but a sweet, loving girl in the Charles Vance's limbs were weak, his up to a strange pitch. Some sudden midst of it. At midsummer she was to pulses throbbing from exhaustion, his presentment concerning her lover filled baby. be his wife. He had extorted that very brains reeled. The fiery eyes her mind with apprehension. As if promise from her, though he would fain seemed to scorch him with their lurid translating the young girl's emotion, have taken her long before. And yet glare, and now he could hear the rap- Miss Caltran began slowly: only the other morning they had fallen id, expectant breath. So near safty, "Your friend is in great dangerinto a triffing dispte about this very a despairing cry broke from his lips. great danger. He is flying as if for visit. She wanted him to go up for Rose! Rose! farewell to her, to happi- his life, first this way and then that

see his way clear to do it conveniently. Rose Ardiey, the centre of a gay her hand. "He is on the river—the "Thursday is pay-day," he had said. group of cousins and friends, was this ice-and something follows him fast. alluding to his works and workmen .- self-same evening doing her uttermost Hark! do you hear that sharp cry?" "I never can get away on Thursday to be attractive. She was fascinatating Rose turned deathly white in spite nights until dark. My horse has fail- at all times and seasons, but when she of her strongest efforts. en lame, too, Rose. I cannot ride him used a little effort, could make herself doubly so. She had forgiven Charles scarcely knowing what she said. "You once thought skating up the Vance a dozen times since that last river a mere pastime," replied Miss angry morning. He would be sure to on him fast. He goes like the wind Ardley; and her tone was a trifle sharp come early, she complacently told her- but they too are fleet. self, and be duly penitent. After all, "In the daytime and with company. Chales Vance was a brave, noble fellow. She thought she would not flirt one throughout were labored and slow-"Oh, very well if you care so little bit that night with any body else. The she sighed deeply and evinced great to come, there's no more to be said." guests all arrived. All but Vance. agitation. Her breath was long and And she turned away with an air of Rose wondered. Had he been really painful. vexed, and was he away to punish her? "Rose it is not that. I can come up Well, let him stay. She should not Oh, save him! save him! Hark to mope or wear the willow. Love-lorn their cries!" "But Thursday night is Eleanor's girls were always absurd. So Rose Oh, by heavens, what fools we

shall expect you, mind. Good-by," and but Miss Caltran finally acquiesced. she kissed to him the tips of her dain- and took her seat in a chair in a small room they adjourned to. The doctor He strode down the path, unhitched had succeeded in sending her to sleep, his horse with a jerk and went riding when Rose looked in. Her attention

"Would any one like to put any

There ensued a silence. Eleanor "Rose will. Rose is always ready

eseed at once. "I don't know what to ask, or what I would most like to hear," she said,

"Ask about Charley. Ask what keeps him away. You can tease him well when you know that."

"But-is there really any truth in it, Dr. Caltran?" And Rose's deep "I'll trust to luck and my good eyes were luminous with some feeling akin to curiosity.

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Quite a circle began to gather round. Miss Caltran appeared to be in a tranquil slumber; her lips were just parted, suggesting her white, even teeth, which were very handsome. "Well," said Rose, daringly.

"Place your hand in hers," directed

the doctor. "Now think intently of the subject in which you wish her to feel interested, and then ask your ques-A thousand thoughts filled Rose Ardley's brain in an instant, but that of Charles Vance was the mast prom inent. What should she say? for del-

"Make haste," cried Eleanor .-"What is Charley Vance doing? Has that Mr. Vance felt the hot air upon him the fierce gleaming eyes that re- fully lengthened his journey, but gave he gone to sleep and forgotten to come his check. Then a yell ensued, endpeated themselves until there seemed him a moment's respite, for his pursu- here? Or has he gone visiting else- ing in a howl of maddening pain.-

Rose colored. "I think I will not voices. Yet he did not stir. ask-" But a chorus of cager voices interrupted her.

"Play fair now, Rose. No backing feet.

"Are you afraid?" It was her cousin Kate who asked "Don't get excited," said Dr. Cal-

Rose's mood was too uncertain at first to sway Miss Caltran (at least so

way," making a tortuous motion with

"Is he coming here?" she asked, "O, Heavens! they are gaining up-

As Miss Caltran said this-and must be remarked that her words

"Now they are up with him-now

birthnight. I thought of the pleasure Ardley was the gayest of gay. They are!" suddenly exclaimed George Ard. have it all out when we get home." to her to have you among her guests. had a quadrille; some of the elder ley, a light breaking on him. "I see | Was Dr. Caltran surprised when he ones sat down to cards. Dr. Caltran, it all. Vance has skuted up on the heard of the strange escape and saw Charles Vance was not a man likely a deeply scientific man and great mes- river and been followed by a pack of the rescued man? He made no sign. to be canonized for either meekness or merist, and three or four others, went wolves! One was killed a day or two Miss Caltran, the clairvoyanate, was patient, and she was purposely trying into a discussion on that wonderful ago, and several have been seen prowl- herself then, save for an intense, dull subject-clairvoyance. The doctor ing round. Run for your lives, friends. headache. "I'll come if I can," concluded Mr. bad been relating certain remarkable Get something and come to his assist-

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George thrust on his cap and coat, and slung his rifle over his shoulder. Two or three followed suit, and the rooms were in a whirl of confusion.

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"Let me go too," Rose almost shriek-

"My child, there may be some mistake," said Dr. Caltran soothingly, alarmed at the consequences of his sister's vision. "Do, pray, be calm."

"No, there is no mistake," she auswered, hysterically. "I told him to skate up-his horse was lame -I dared him to come. Oh, merciful Heavens, forgive me !"

She was in a perfect agony of despair. The herrible vision her cousin George's words conjured up, made a more vivid one in her brain. Her face that had been so brilliant a short time before, was now the picture of anguish. She could not help thinking that if any evil had befallen him it was clearly her fault. How many times she had tormented him almost beyond endurance-been cool, capricious, laughed at his love. Arraiguing her heart for judgment, she found it had been bitterly cruel to him-to one man for whom she would give her life if ocersion required. In the confusion and crowd she passed quietly up the stairs, got her shawl and hood, and stole out unseen. Along she sped like a shadowy wraith, and was on the river as soon as the men with their rides.

Hark! what was that? A siekening, despairing cry, a wail of mortal agony. Rose recognized it for his voice-for they were close upon him

Yes, the cry came from Charles Vance. With that one despairing burst he gave up hope, and turned upon his horrible pursuers. In the moonlight his eyes glared back to these fierce balls, and there was a deathly pause. The suddentess amuzed the icacy seemed to hold her back on this unreleasing brutes, but the foremest crouched to spring.

nother report another footsteps

A ball went whizzing by, so el selv

"Ob. Charles! Charles!" and the next instant Rose lay senseless at his

At first he could not think, could not speak; the utter surprise and sense of deliverance overwhelmed him. this, and the sarcastic tone would have He knelt down on the ice, trembling roused Rose to an effort. In a strange in every limb, and the rest came thronging around. The discomfited enemy were retiring with savege cries, leaving two of their number dead behind

"What is it all?" began Mr. Vance. "I-I can not immagine-"

"Do not try," interrupted George Ardley. "It is the strangest thing that ever happened. Can you walk him until his patience was almost ex- and then they came on the faster. be obtained, and then Rose was wrought home? I'll see to Rose," and he picked her up as though she had been a

They went home slowly. Vance's

strength was all but exhausted. An-

gry mutterings followed them from

afar, but there was no real danger

now. Rose, reviving to consciousness,

struggled away from her cousin's protection. "Let me walk; I am quite well now." she said, with a touch of her old imperiousness. And she got to Mr. Vance's side

"Ob, Charles, I have been so selfish and cruel! Will you ever forgive Charles' answer was to take her arm within his and press it to his side. She

broke down with a sob. "Hush, my darling! God has interposed to save me. But still I do not understand how or why you should all have come."

"Oh, Charles, it is the strangest tale! You will hardly believe it-you, who have laughed at-"

"Don't spoil the story, Rose," said George Ardley from behind. "We'll

it seems as if I could not have held and his eyes wandered over the waste of test should be given then. Who would Rose stood spell-bound. For a mo- out a minute longer," said Mr. Yance ment the room swam round; stars ap- se the doctor. "Besides the short distauce on the river, there was the dark